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Leonardo Perez Esquivel and colleague arrived late because they were kept waiting 45 minutes at security check point.

Father Adolpho Maria Perez Esquivel is now in Unidad 9 of La Plata prison under PEN; intl movement to help effect his release, he has just submitted petition to leave country.

He can receive weekly family visits and is being reasonably well treated. Can receive some books but was not allowed to have the Bible, Walt Whitman's 'Leaves of Grass', and other books he requested.

Is being kept in Pavillion 16. Leonardo said that Pavillions 13, 14, 15, and 16 are the maximum security pavillions and that torture and mistreatment ~~does~~ occur there for some prisoners (although his father has not suffered particular physical mistreatment—I'm surprised maximum security prisoners can receive visits, books, etc but son says that's the way it is) / He said prisoner Marcos Ibañez recently died in Pav. 13, according to family members. Prison officials said he hung himself, but family claims otherwise. Leonardo named some of the army ~~officers~~ people known to be torturers in La Plata: A Mr. Guerrero, Mr. Gudino and Mr. Peratta.

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